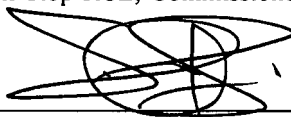


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/620,782 Confirmation No. : 1121  
Applicants : Dirk J. Sundt, William A. Polinsky, Mark A. Bossler, Gabriel G. Videla and  
Chris L. Inman  
Filed : July 15, 2003 Attorney Docket No. : 501085.02  
Art Unit : 2811 Customer No. : 27,076  
Examiner : Shouxiang Hu  
Title : STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR FORMING A FACETED OPENING AND LAYER  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicants request continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Submission previously submitted
  - i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 13, 2007.
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

b. ☐ Submission enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

☒ Postcard

☒ Check

☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet

☐ Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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